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Chairman Genachowski & Fellow Commissioners:

The Urban League of San Diego County—the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African- Americans—is following President Obama's policies very closely. We would like to take this opportunity to follow-up on our October, 2009 letter on net neutrality.

We continue to be concerned that the FCC has yet to show how net neutrality will improve broadband services, expand access, or increase adoption rates for consumers—especially for under-served consumers.

The Urban League affirms President Obama's and the FCC's objectives of universal broadband deployment. A 21st Century society demands that its citizenry has access to broadband. However, net neutrality threatens to embolden the barriers that separate many of the underserved from the benefits of broadband through an increase in rates and a decrease in further deployment.

To date, we have yet to see any actual benefits derived by implementing net neutrality. For that reason and to prevent unintended consequences, we ask that the FCC reconsider its proposal.

Cordially,

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